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ALL WORK AND NO PLAY might make Potomac Valley Chapter Architects dull boys and so there are all-for-fun get-togethers with wives and friends such as the recent banquet and social evening at Washington's Willard Hotel. Shown (L to R) in each picture are: (1) Loren L. and Mrs. Murray; Edwin B. Morris, Sr., featured speaker; Dana B. and Mrs. Johannes. (2) Public Relations Chairman, Charles B. and Mrs. Soulé; Mrs. Ronald S. Senseman; National President Leon and Mrs. Chatelain, Jr.; Chapter President Ronald Senseman. (3) Chapter Treasurer Ted and Mrs. Englehardt; Washington Chapter President Grosvenor Chapman; Chapter Secretary, Andrew H. and Mrs. MacIntire; Chapter President, Ronald S. and Mrs. Senseman. (4) Four welcome A.I.A. guests: Louis Justement; Gilbert L. Rodier; Carl J. Ebert and Frank J. Duane. (5) Program Chairman Stanley H. and Mrs. Arthur; John S. and Mrs. Samperton and Edwin B. Morris, Sr.

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LETTERS

Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Soulé:

Thank you for sending me the Potomac Valley Architect. Its format is similar to ours that has, I believe, proved eminently successful for our purposes.

I shall be happy to add the bulletin's name to our mailing list if you will tell me whether it should be the editor's address or your own.

Very truly yours,
Charles B. Altman
Ford and Altman, Architects

A..I.A.

I have watched with interest the formation of your Chapter and also the speedy development of your very excellent bulletin.

As a reformed editor of the Southern California Chapter bulletin. I have great respect for anyone who assembles, edits and gets in the mail a monthly issue such as yours. I particularly enjoy the fresh approach which brightens up otherwise dull professional publications.

With best wishes for your continued success and the development of your chapter program.

Sincerely yours,
Donald Beach Kirby
Regional Director
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Editorial Note: What do you mean "reformed." Mr. Kirby? We would think remaining a little crazy would be helpful in your present far flung job.

A..I.A.

Thank you so much for the fourth issue of The Potomac Valley Architect.

Congratulations to you! Your publication is newsy, has interesting reading material, and will certainly benefit your chapter. It is excellent public relations—too.

Sincerely,
John N. Richards,
First Vice President

Architectural Record

Mr. Shear has passed on to me his correspondence with you and the copy you sent of your new chapter newsletter Potomac Valley Architect. This is to ask if you would be willing to put us on your mailing list to receive the bulletin regularly we very much like to see all of the A.I.A. chapter bulletins as primary sources of information about what is going on around the country.

Sincerely yours,
Jeanne Davern
Associate Editor

Monroe, La. Chapter

The Potomac Valley Architect has afforded me much enjoyment and inspiration. It is most thoughtful of you to send it to me. I wish it were possible for each member of our Chapter to read this newsy and informative organ.

Very cordially,
L. Milton King
President

CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

The Editors are pleased and greatly encouraged by the many congratulatory letters being received but know we receive far too much credit. Whatever is being accomplished in readership for a professional paper results, first of all, from the membership interest of an especially active chapter. We have the great benefit of the constant guidance of a right-on-the-ball P. R. Chairman—Chuck Soulé. There have been the unusually interesting and well done editorial contributions of V. T. H. "Bien" Bien and Edwin B. "Eddie" Morris. Such direction and skilled help accounts greatly for the favorable comments and makes our writing and editing job much easier and more pleasant than publication work usually is. g.g.

SOULE NAMED CENTENNIAL VICE CHAIRMAN

Charles B. (Chuck) Soulé, Public Relations Chairman, has been appointed Vice Chairman of the Centennial Convention (May 14-17) Committee by Frank J. Duane, Chairman of the Washington Chapter, host for the A.I.A.'s 100th Anniversary Celebration.

Every convention subcommittee, Chairman Duane has announced, similarly will have a vice chairman selected from our chapter. Potomac Valley thus will actively share in the host chapter's responsibility for an elaborate entertainment program designed to make enjoyable every minute of the time every A.I.A. member spends attending the historic conclave.

A chartered boat trip to Mt. Vernon featuring special entertainment and refreshments enroute is definitely on the agenda. Chuck says, while plane trips for the conventionaires in Capital Airlines, famed Viscount fleet covering 100 miles over and around the Metropolitan Washington area are being considered.



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EVERYBODY OUT FOR BI-COUNTY PLAN MEETING!

A general plan looking ahead for 25 years for Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties will be presented in the form of a preliminary study by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission at a public hearing to be held Wednesday, February 13 at 8 p.m. at the Bethesda Elementary School, Wilson Blvd. and Old Georgetown Rd.

This study contains the Commission's recommendations for the location of schools, parks and highways. They are vitally important to every practicing architect yet a similarly important hearing on the recommendations held last month in Prince Georges did not bring over the attendance of a corporal's guard. Let's favor the Montgomery meeting with the attendance and discussion it deserves!

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

President Ronald S. Senseman announces the forming of a Resolutions Committee. Chairman is David Shaw with Viola Prassas and Paul H. Kea as the other members.

THOMEN MOVES TO SILVER SPRING

James T. (Jim) Thomen has moved his offices from Washington to 8226 Fenton Street, Silver Spring. His new telephone number, JU. 7-8034.

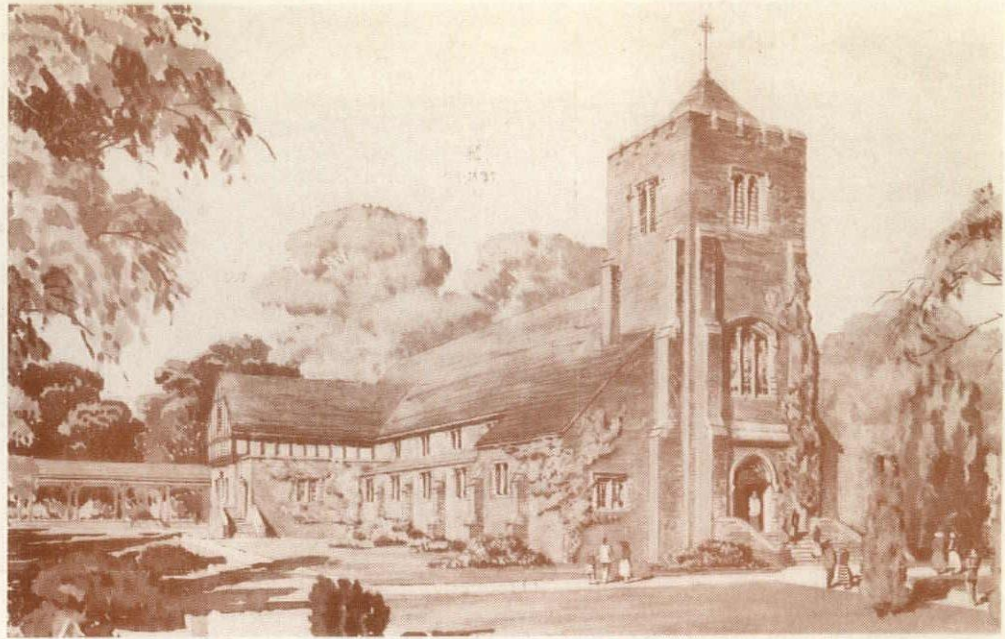
CHURCH ARCHITECTURE CONFERENCE

Members especially interested in designing churches (and who isn't?) are reminded the 1957 Annual National Joint Conference on Church Architecture will be held February 26-28 in St. Louis at the Chase Hotel. You have your reservation forms which need to be mailed at once.

WIN \$25,000!

That's the annual prize for the architect making the "most significant contribution to the use of aluminum" in the building field by the Reynolds Metals Company. You should have received an entry blank.

JUSTLY PROUD are all Episcopalians of this beautiful \$400,000 Johannes & Murray-designed Grace Episcopal Church at the corner of Georgia Avenue and Grace Church Road, Silver Spring. It was dedicated Sunday, January 27. The auditorium and chapel areas seat more than 700 and there are ideal Sunday School arrangements, parlors, church offices and all modern facilities for varied gatherings of the congregation.



IT TOOK A GOOD "JOE" TO GET A CHAPTER ROLLING. WE HAD HIM—DANA JOHANNES

"WHAT DO YOU KNOW JOE?", if you must use this unimaginative and monotonous form of greeting, and if actually you want firmly dependable architectural information, a best man to corner is Dana Berry (that's what the B is for) "Joe" Johannes.

An All-American A.I.A. team may never be selected but should it be, here's a good "Joe" who has piled up impressive yardage—or, as we might more appropriately say, a terrific amount of striking and practically designed cubic construction. Shaking off all would-be tacklers—county, state, or school officials, not to say any private enterprise, getting the idea of accomplishing building projects without the benefit of qualified architectural design, Big "Joe" Johannes goes right down the field until a prescribed A.I.A. goal is safely reached. In the end, any public or private builder using Joe's long experienced talent is happier because of his unwavering devotion to what are the right ways to attractive, sound, dedicated-to-purpose building accomplishment.



DANA B. JOHANNES

This reporter enjoyed the privilege of knowing Dana Berry when the firm of Johannes & Murray occupied an office in a newspaper plant providing all the quiet and peace of a boiler factory. Here, like a writer editorializing on cockeyed zoning laws or community planning in the din of linotype machines and pounding presses, "Joe" may, with his corporate associate, have developed the power of concentration which has resulted in such fine schools as the \$850,000 Mace's Lane High School, Cambridge; the \$1,500,000 Chesapeake High School, Chesapeake City; the \$800,000 Howard County High School, Ellicott City and the \$700,000 Crisfield High School, Crisfield. Before getting himself typed in a school designer's part in the A.I.A. play,

"Joe's" firm has switched to some pole apart and outstanding project such as the \$315,000 Citizens Building & Loan Association bank and office building, Silver Spring, to the \$650,000 Garrett County Memorial Hospital, Oakland or to the \$1,500,000 apartments in Washington, D. C. for Eugene Phifer.

This leading architect's formal architectural education was at George Washington University. In the course of his long practice, design awards have been many—from the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter, A.I.A.; from our chapter; the School Executive Magazine; American Association of School Administrators and the Washington Evening and Sunday Star. He is registered to practice in D. C., Virginia and Florida as well as Maryland.

It required the dogged, tireless leadership of Dana B. Johannes to make our Montgomery-Prince Georges County group a separate division of the Washington Chapter and then to have a charter approved for the Potomac Valley Chapter. "Joe," who was president of the Division, then became the Chapter's first president, an honor which, as Historian V. T. H. Bien has recorded it, was an honor all members felt "Joe" alone richly deserved. Never does he let down on his chapter and all A.I.A. activity. Presently he is a most valued PV director, chairman of the Schools Committee and enthusiastically taking on every Centennial Convention job assigned to him.

From the very beginning of his illustrious architectural career, Director "Joe" knew he had a lot of happy traveling to do and so he looked to a name identified with pleasant mileage—to Elizabeth Ann Goodyear, that is. Betty and "Joe's" attractive family include a married daughter, Aimee Lou Robert, 22; Dana B., Jr., 17; Jan H., 16; Martha Yvonne, 14 and Richard L., 8.

Fortunate it is that there are ladies nights such as the one pictured on page 1 of this issue so that Betty may see more of her A.I.A. and civic-minded husband than his schedule would otherwise permit. When a Silver Spring Volunteer fire department truck sirens by, you may see the helmeted, fire-eating "Joe" aboard. He's held every office in the department from Secretary to President. He's also been president of three P.T.A.'s and of the Indian Spring Citizens Association and he is a past treasurer and director of the Silver Spring Board of Trade. He is an active member of many another civic and social organization. To avoid any possible inactivity he has model railroading as a hobby, gets in a few rounds of golf and, being a former player, keeps an interest in baseball and football as a spectator. A less rugged guy might get pooped, but not "Joe." For relaxation this get-to-the-point architect can doze through any speech a luncheon orator should not be making.

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